

Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Congratulations 2010 Recycling Award Winners!

Holiday Recycling Slide Collection Schedule

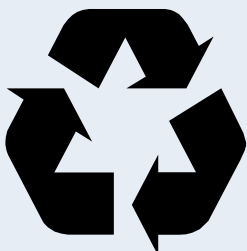
Labor Day

Monday, September 6, 2010

If your collection date is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, September 6, 2010	Tuesday, September 7, 2010
Tuesday, September 7, 2010	Wednesday, September 8, 2010
Wednesday, September 8, 2010	Thursday, September 9, 2010
Thursday, September 9, 2010	Friday, September 10, 2010
Friday, September 10, 2010	Saturday, September 11, 2010

Please remember to make sure your recycling containers are placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.

Recycle more now.



The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services recently recognized the achievements of resident recycling volunteers, businesses and their employees, multi-family property managers and their residents, and school students for their contributions to the success of Montgomery County's recycling program. Over 80 individuals, businesses and properties received recognition. For a complete list of recycling award winners for 2010, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

Montgomery County's overall recycling rate is 44 percent. To increase recycling, everyone must do their part and place recyclable materials into the appropriate containers for recycling. While the single-family sector is recycling more than 53 percent of its waste stream, the business or non-residential sector is recycling just over 40 percent and multi-family properties are recycling over 14 percent of their respective waste streams.

To reach the County's goal to recycle 50 percent of all waste generated in the County, we must continue our efforts to increase recycling participation and maximize the amounts of materials recycled. Recycle more now, it's our future.



Honorees and guests at the 2010 Recycling Achievement Recognition Ceremony.

Waste Reduction Tips

Last year, over 1.1 million tons of waste was generated in Montgomery County. The County's preferred method of managing solid waste begins with waste reduction. By reducing the amount of waste generated, there is no need to determine whether that material can be recycled, and if not, how it should be disposed.

Residents and businesses alike can take simple steps towards reducing their impact on the environment by reducing the amount of waste generated. Waste reduction can lead to reduced purchasing costs and lower disposal costs. Additional benefits include reducing the amount of energy and pollution generated used to create products, and conserves natural resources for generations to come.

What can you do? Let your community know how they can make a difference. Feel free to use the following tips in your community newsletter or on your website. When you host a meeting or other activity, post these tips in easy-to-read locations for everyone to read.

- When shopping, use reusable shopping bags. Try to refrain from taking a bag when purchasing one or just a few items.
- Purchase items in bulk.
- Save paper by sending information electronically whenever possible.



- If you must print, print on both sides of the paper. Use the backside of single-sided copies for scratch paper.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Make "waste-free" lunches. Use reusable and washable containers, flatware, and cloth napkins.

- Use reusable cups or mugs whenever possible, instead of using disposal cups.
- Request your address be removed from unwanted mailing lists. Visit DMAchoice.org or catalogchoice.org to remove your address from unwanted mailing lists.
- Consider purchasing and using refillable printing cartridges.
- Donate unwanted but good quality clothing, furniture, appliances and food to charitable organizations. Visit Montgomery County's Use It Again website for a list of organizations at montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.
- Grasscycle your grass clippings by leaving the grass clippings on the lawn after mowing. If you use a lawn service company, let them know you want to grasscycle and request that they leave the grass clippings directly on the lawn. Grasscycling adds nutrients back into the soil, resulting in a healthy lawn. Grasscycling reduces the need to use commercial fertilizers, and reduces runoff from rain and melting snow.



Reduce

• Reuse •

Recycle

County Announces New Pick-Up Locations for Compost Bins

Effective July 1, 2010, Montgomery County's Regional Service Centers are no longer distributing compost bins to residents. The Division of Solid Waste Services has been working closely with numerous retail outlets willing to provide compost bins to residents. Below is a list of current locations where residents can obtain a compost bin at no additional charge. Remember, these bins are designed in such a way that only yard trim materials should be placed inside for composting. The Division hosts composting workshops throughout the year. Check our calendar at montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling for the latest list of workshops and the updated list of locations.

BETHESDA

Whole Foods Market
5269 River Road
Bethesda, MD 20816
301-984-4860
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(evening and weekend hours)

Bethesda Green
4825 Cordell Avenue, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814
240-396-2440

BURTONSVILLE

Country Nursery, Inc.
3330 Spencerville Road
Burtonsville, MD 20866
301-421-9593

CHEVY CHASE

Audubon Sanctuary Shop
Woodend Nature Sanctuary
8940 Jones Mill Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-652-3606
(weekend hours)

DAMASCUS

Damascus Library
9701 Main Street
Damascus, MD 20872
240-773-9444
(evening and weekend hours)

DERWOOD

Solid Waste Transfer Station
16101 Frederick Road
Derwood, MD 20855
240-777-6560

GAITHERSBURG

Habitat for Humanity of
Montgomery County ReStore
9100 Gaither Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-947-3304
(weekend hours)

Whole Foods Market
316 Kentlands Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-258-9500
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(evening and weekend hours)

ROCKVILLE

Executive Office Building
Division of Solid Waste Services
101 Monroe Street, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-6424

Whole Foods Market
1649 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
301-984-4880
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(evening and weekend hours)

OLNEY

Good Earth Garden Market
18130 Georgia Ave.
Olney, MD 20832
301-774-2631
(evening and weekend hours)

POOLESVILLE

Poolesville Library
19633 Fisher Avenue
Poolesville, MD 20837
240-773-9550
(evening and weekend hours)

SILVER SPRING

Whole Foods Market
833 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-608-9373
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(evening and weekend hours)

City of Takoma Park
Public Works Department
31 Oswego Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-891-7633

WHEATON

Brookside Gardens Horticulture
Library
1800 Glenallan Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-962-1400

Friends of the Library at
Wheaton Library (in basement)
11701 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
240-777-0688

COMPOST Happens!





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Recycling for Multi-Family Properties
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Recycling for Businesses
(240) 777-6486

County Transfer Station
(240) 777-6560

County Recycling Center
(301) 417-1433

This information is available in an alternate format by calling
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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Visit with staff and recycling volunteers from the Division of Solid Waste Services to learn more about waste reduction, reuse, recycling, buying recycled and more at the following events this summer:

Olney Farmers Market

Second Sundays, August 8, September 12, and October 10, 2010 (9:00am - 1:00pm)
Route 108 & Prince Phillip Drive – next to Montgomery General Hospital Thrift Shop, Olney

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3, 2010
Various locations throughout Montgomery County

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

August 13-21, 2010
Montgomery County Fairgrounds; 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg

MCPS Back-to-School Fair

Saturday, August 28, 2010 (11:00am - 2:00pm)
850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville

You can now receive the
Civic Loop newsletter
electronically in an effort to
reduce paper usage.

Contact Alan Pultyniewicz
at (240) 777-6480 or email
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Visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling for a full listing of events. To schedule staff from the Division of Solid Waste Services to participate in your event, call 240-777-6480.